

# Principles of the wisdom tradition

## Part six: **duality** as the basis for manifestation

In a nutshell: Mind and Matter are the two poles of manifestation, with Power as the intermediate third factor



This is in accord with the great spiritual  
and philosophical traditions

Krishna speaks of the 'pairs of opposites' in  
the Bhagavad Gita and the need to control  
these influences (be a master, not a slave)

Neo-Platonic teachings point to the  
same threefold

Christianity has the Trinity



In other words: spirit and substance are  
connected via power/energy/shakti

In yet other words: there is always a threefold, a  
trinity, operative in manifestation, whether it be  
a threefold Logos (Will, Wisdom, The Word), or  
Force, Substance, Form/Formulation



The interaction between the poles via  
inherent powers causes all progress and  
regress

In the evolutionary process, adaptivity is a key  
aspect of the powers (Indian: shaktis) at work

See the article on the shaktis by Subba  
Row, in Five Years of Theosophy, especially  
the part on Kundalini shakti



Yin/Yang duality seems to be an  
example of the complementarity of  
operations in nature

Many examples here:

Left brain/right brain functions  
(analysis/synthesis)

Nervous system: sympathetic/parasympathic



Muscle system: antagonistic muscles

Sensori-motor coupling

Stop-go system in the brain

Polarization of cell membranes, charge  
separation (+/-)

Male/female differences



Value systems are implied in all of the following:

On a psychological level:  
positive versus negative affect

Pleasure versus pain

Selfish versus unselfish  
attitude/behavior/mindset/intentions



Question: are emotions created in pairs, like elementary particles?

See my article on 'Qualities or gunas working in the human psyche' to get some idea of duality with respect to emotions and their balance, and the directing of consciousness to a higher level (metafunction)



Examples of polarity/ duality on the spiritual/moral level

Choosing the path of liberation for oneself versus for the enlightenment of humanity (Pratyeka Buddha versus Amrita Buddha)

The above examples point to the occurrence of **bifurcations** in natural evolutionary processes



The phenomenon of the occurrence of bifurcations in complex systems is studied in chaos theory

In fact, most of the examples given here that relate to dual factors have been studied to some degree in academia



On the political and economical levels  
there are examples of duality too:

financial-economic: the debt system

Our current money system is based on  
debt creation and compound interest. It  
causes the split between haves and not  
haves to become ever greater



Judicial system: the danger of class justice  
is always present

Political level: left-right divisions ( a bit obsolete  
now), the split *elite versus deplorables* becoming  
very obvious now

Media: mainstream versus alternative media



Polarization of elements (ions, minds, states,  
etc.) occurs in a force field

Analogies of how these force fields work in different  
domains may prove useful in future research

The interrelations of the six principles thus far  
presented surely present a rich field for study and  
research as well



Links:

Bhagavad Gita and essays on the Gita by William Quan  
Judge:

<https://www.theosociety.org/pasadena/gita/bg-eg-hp.htm>

T. Subba Row's articles in Five years of Theosophy

<https://www.theosophy-ult.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Five-Years-of-Theosophy.pdf>



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